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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN COMMENTS ON KHARTOUM KILLINGS

REF: A. RABAT 1044; B. RABAT 1175

1. LEBANESE JOURNALIST ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER SAEB
SALAM ON CURRENT VISIT TO MOROCCO ASKED KING HASSAN FOLLOWING
QUESTION DURING MARCH 15 INTERVIEW (CARRIED FBIS):

" YOUR MAJESTY, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE KHARTOUM INCIDENT
HAS LEFT A NEGATIVE MARK ON THE FUTURE OF PALESTINIAN
RESISTANCE IN THE ARAB WORLD?" KING HASSAN REPLIED:

" I SHALL REPLY TO THIS QUESTION AS BRIEFLY AND PRECISELY
AS POSSIBLE. A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE KHARTOUM INCIDENT,
ISRAELI OFFICIALS, LED BY GOLDA MEIR, PUT ON THE SHIRT
OF SUBMISSIVENESS AND HUMBLENESS.

THEY WERE KNOCKING AT EVERY DOOR AND PLEADING WITH EVERYONE,
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IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR VICIOUS CRIME OF DOWNING THE LIBYAN AIRCRAFT WOULD BE FORGOTTEN. BUT FOLLOWING THE KHARTOUM INCIDENT, WE FELT THAT PUBLIC OPINION CHANGED AND WENT THE OPPOSITE WAY AND GOLDA MEIR WAS FIRST TO SEND PRESIDENT NIXON A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES. I DO NOT WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THIS AFFAIR. ANYONE WHO READS AND LISTENS CAN MAKE HIS OWN COMMENT AND CONCLUSIONS."

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING HAS BEEN KING' S ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON KHARTOUM KILLINGS, AND IS HARDLY NOTABLE FOR FORTHRIGHTNESS. WE HAVE HEARD, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY UPSET BY KILLINGS AND INSTRUCTED PRO- GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER TO PUBLISH PROMINENTLY LETTER FROM SUDANESE IN RABAT HIGHLY CRITICAL OF TERRORIST ACTION (REF B).
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